CHESAPEAKE CITY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August 13, 2012

Mayor Geracimos called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Approval of minutes from Town Council Meeting July 9, 2012

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve the minutes from July 9, 2012. All in favor, motion carried.

II. Action Items

A. Introducing Resolution 08.13.2012 Resolution Granting Consent to the Transfer of Control of Cable Television Franchisee

MOTION: Elaine Shepard made a motion, seconded by Ron Francis to pass Resolution 08.13.2012, revising Section 5, replacing the "Town Administrator" to "Mayor". All in favor, motion carried.

B. Planning and Zoning Appointment.

MOTION: Rich Taylor made a motion, seconded by Elaine Shepard to approve the appointment of John Watson to the Planning and Zoning Commission, contingent to his resignation from the Board of Appeals. All in favor, motion carried.

- C. Open Positions: Project manager, Code Enforcement with and without Parking, Maintenance Ads will be placed with deadlines being August 31, 2012
- D. Bid Award for Water & Sewer Extension to Bohemia Manor School Complex MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to approve Arro Engineering & Environmental Consultants for the water and sewer extension to Bohemia Manor School Complex; the total bid amount for \$78,447; breakout as follows: Tasks I, II, III \$67,327, Tasks IV \$\$2,352, Task V \$8768, Daily inspection per hour \$75, and preparation of additional easement, plats and descriptions \$950 each. All in favor, motion carried.

III. Commissioners' Reports

A. Ron Francis

Public Works - Noise

Operator reports given at the workshop. Still working on trees on Bohemia. Sidewalk repairs – approved contractor has not shown up, seeking other bids. Noise – working with Inn at the Canal and working on a solution for their issues, there are documented filed reports.

B. Bert Wells Public Safety - Charter - Ethics - Tourism

Cpl. Leas gave report; moving Your Speed Sign in different locations around town. Charter — resolution to appoint heads of department for the year. Town Attorney to to pull what we did last year. Tourism is meeting on Thursday. Ballot boxes are around town for the slogan. WIFI has not received proposal yet, but they are around town looking for strengths. Press kits are being worked along with a broad marketing plan. Broader range of markets to get our town's name out. CC money being discussed again this week.

- C. Rich Taylor Financial Historic Harriet for Historic July 24th with 3 property applications.
- D. Harry Sampson Public Relations Little League Chamber No Public Relations report; Sandra Edwards working on getting solar panels at the LL; Chamber's next meeting is September 12th. Investigating Alternative Energy. Two State Champion Teams from our Little League should be recognized.
- E. Elaine Shepard Parks & Recreation Docks Soccer team will be using Helen Titter Park field for practice. Grant submitted for having dock maintenance.

Office Reports

F. Sandra Edwards Project Coordinator

Open Space grants for Little league along with trails and sidewalks. Federal Grant money approved for Trail on northside. Continuing work on canoe/kayak access. Parks and playgrounds – meeting with MDP

G. Valerie Walls

Clerk/Treasurer P&L report, Garden sponsorship updates

H. Dean Geracimos Mayor – Staff meetings on Thursday, Trail!!!We are the only one in the State of MD that received federal funds for the trail.

IV. Old Business

A. WiFi Service – September Workshop Commissioner Wells

- B. Solar Panels on the Sewer Plant & Little League September Workshop Commissioner Sampson
- C. Rental Ordinance 7.9.2012- September Workshop
- D. P&Z Ordinances updates-Commissioner Wells

 The Ordinances do not address appointing a council member to the Commission. There is a need
 for an amendment. Town Attorney will prepare an Ordinance to introduce at the next meeting,
 and set a date for a public hearing.

V. New Business/Discussion

A. Sycamores along Bohemia Avenue – Commissioner Francis
Trying to get a second bid – contractor thinks they can be trimmed. Heartwood would reduce \$1000 if doing both Bohemia & Pell Gardens.

VI. Public Comment & Announcements

Harriett Davis – Removing the trees from Bohemia could increase costs to the residents that have the trees breaking the wind and provide shade. You cannot replace a high canopy tree with one that will shelter your home in town.

Clare Hazel: Sycamore trees were planted because they were fast growing trees. They are the wrong trees for in town. Historically used for kindling.

Stephanie Palko: Sycamores rot from the inside out – good place for snakes

RF - Heartwood want to take 2 do we want to remove the third? (Dean yes

Frank Vari: handed in event form for New Years 5K for September meeting. The salvageable metals has ½ load over the weekend. Helping Ecumenical Council with food bank, it's very low on food. Looking for grant money. If we can help in anyway, please do. They need canned meat, tuna, peanut butter. They have plenty of vegetables.

Bert Wells: Baseball game was cancelled last week, next game is Sunday.

Harry Sampson: Thanking Town for gift basket during knee surgery.

VII. Mayors Comment

We have a lot of balls in the air with the process of new meters, water line from Delaware, line to school, trail and Revitalization package. Anybody that can volunteer – please do.

VIII. XII. Adjourn

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, seconded by Harry Sampson to adjourn at 7:56pm. All in favor, motion carried.

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Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer	Dean Geracimos, Mayor